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I believe this is a terrible settlement for the U.S. and for consumers. All it imposes is conduct remedies, and for each of those, there is a loophole through which Microsoft can circumvent it. I wish to see Microsoft, who has been found guilty of *criminal* activity, as well as lying during the actual trial, to be punished much more severely than this. One of the remedies would be opening up their proprietary document formats (*.doc, *.xls, *.ppt, etc) to EVERYONE, so that everyone can have a level playing field in competing office suites without having to worry about incompatibility issues.

Windows XP is even worse than the tying/bundling issues that got Microsoft into trouble in the first place, but the government wishes to turn its back on more anticompetitive behavior because the economy is in a recession and they believe Microsoft can help pull us out of it.

Kindly stand up for what is right. Stand up for the American PEOPLE for once, instead of some insidious, anticompetitive, illegally competing, mega-corporation.

Thank you.